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Mid City/Parkview Historic District Study Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: March 28, 2016

Location: Jesuit High School, St. Ignatius Hall, 3rd floor, 4133 Banks Street, New Orleans, LA 70119

Called to order: 6:10 p.m.

Adjourned: 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Rachel Lyons, Jennifer Farwell, Jim Cripps, Quin Breland

Members absent: Emily Shaya Rebecca Maisel, Frank Donze

Staff Present: C. Elliott Perkins, Eleanor Burke, Melissa Quigley

- A. Roll Call
- B. Introductions
- C. Review and Adoption of Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2016 Meeting.

Quin Breland made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion, seconded by Jennifer Farwell, passed unanimously.

- D. Summary of Past Meetings

The staff outlined the process for creating the Mid City and Parkview Historic Districts up to this point. The staff explained the reasoning behind the effort to transfer review of demolitions in National Register Districts outside of HDLC jurisdiction from the NCDAC to the HDLC. The staff gave a summary of the HDLC mission, historic districts, office structure, levels of jurisdiction and review process. The staff reviewed the nature of partial control districts under the jurisdiction of the HDLC including Treme, Esplanade Ridge and the Garden District. The staff clarified the difference between the HDLC and the NCDAC, their criteria and processes.

- E. Review of District Boundary Options and Levels of Jurisdiction.

Elliott Perkins reviewed the four proposed boundaries presented by the Staff at the previous meeting. He stated that the staff recommended the pink boundary with the simplest edges for ease of use by both the City and the public.

- F. Discussion

The Parkview Neighborhood Association presented their findings from a survey of 71 neighbors. See attached). In summary, the Parkview Neighborhood Association stated that they are against becoming a partial control historic district under the jurisdiction of the HDLC.



The City Park Triangle Neighborhood Association presented the results of their survey. They stated that the results were evenly split for and against a partial control (demolition only) historic district. Elizabeth Boudreaux, the representative presenting the results, stated that she supported demolition review only.

The Committee members then stated their positions relative to what level of jurisdiction should be adopted. All agreed that that the simpler pink boundary including the industrial portion should be used. The Committee also agreed that Mid-City and Parkview should be two separate districts, each with its own representative.

F. Public Comment

Thirteen members of the public spoke. Many stated an objection to their neighborhoods becoming historic districts while others spoke in favor of Mid City and Parkview becoming local historic districts.

Following public comment, the Committee returned to their discussion. Jenifer Farwell stated that she was in favor of the pink boundary, two separate districts with Demolition and New Construction review. Quin Breland stated that he was in favor of demolition review only for both areas. The Committee members then discussed the possibility for full control along Carrollton Avenue, Jefferson Davis Avenue, Canal Street and Bienville Street. Quin Breland stated that he had not heard support for full control in the proposed historic districts from members of the community and suggested a more measured approach.

Jenifer Farwell then made a motion to recommend the creation of a partial control (demolition only) historic district following the pink boundary for Parkview. The motion, seconded by Rachel Lyons, passed unanimously. Jenifer Farwell then made a motion to recommend the creation of a partial control historic district (demolition and new construction) for Mid City following the pink boundary and including the central industrial piece. The motion, seconded by Rachel Lyons passed with Quin Breland voting against.

The Staff then outlined the next steps in the process that includes hearings by both the City Planning Commission and the City Council. The recommendations of the Mid City/Parkview Historic District Study Committee will be transmitted to the City Planning Commission by May 1, 2016.

The Staff thanked Jesuit for allowing the City to use their facility, as well as the members of the Study Committee for donating their time.

At that time, there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

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